GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4355
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HURRIYAT CONFERENCE
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hurriyat Conference Team which was camping in Delhi in the second week of September, 2002 visited the Pakistan High Commission and sought assistance in arranging a meeting between the Kashmir Committee and the Pakistani counterpart;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Hurriyat Chairman told that the delegation met officials of the Pakistan High Commission who assured him of all help in this direction;

(c) if so, whether the Indian citizens allowed to have political talks freely with the foreign Ambassadors without seeking the permission of the Government of India; and

(d) if so, the details regarding the rules in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) and (b): As per information available with the Government, members of the Hurriyat Conference met Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan High Commission in Delhi in October, 2002 to enlist the support of Pakistan in the direction of arranging a meeting of India and Pakistan Chapters of Kashmir Committee.

(c) and (d): The Government has not prescribed any rules or norms for interaction between private citizens and foreign diplomatic missions in India. However, if there is any criminal or illegal action/transaction, which flows from such contacts the concerned Indian nationals, are liable to be proceeded against as per law.